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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-16-17**  
**July 18, 2016**

**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL  
POLICY OFFICE**

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheet, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**APPLICANT:** City of Fort Benton

**FACILITY NAME:** Fort Benton Wastewater Treatment Facility

**FACILITY LOCATION:** 2610 Riverview Trail, Fort Benton, MT 59442

**COUNTY** Choteau

**RECEIVING WATER:** Missouri River

**PERMIT NUMBER:** MT0021601

This is a major modification of the MPDES permit for the City of Fort Benton Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality proposes to eliminate ground water monitoring; the requirement is unnecessary because both Outfalls 001 and 002 discharge to the Missouri River, not the ground water. DEQ also proposes to reduce receiving water and effluent monitoring for specific parameters. The permittee has collected adequate data for DEQ to use in the development of any applicable effluent limits in subsequent permit renewals making further monitoring unnecessary.

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**APPLICANT:** Town of Stanford

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P.O. Box 123  
Stanford, MT 59479

FACILITY NAME: Town of Stanford Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: one mile east of Stanford, Montana on Route 80  
Judith Basin County, Latitude 47° 09' 19" N,  
Longitude 110° 11' 58" W

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Unnamed Reservoir on Skull Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0022161

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater from the Town of Stanford Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) to an unnamed reservoir on Skull Creek. A fact sheet is available for review and describes the rationale for the permit renewal. The applicant operates a three-cell facultative lagoon system. The average facility design flow is 0.07 million gallons per day (mgd) and effluent is discharged from Outfall 001 to an unnamed reservoir. The proposed permit will continue to apply limits for 5-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>), total suspended solids (TSS), total residual chlorine (TRC), and pH. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity with monthly reporting of results. This permit and fact sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS August 16, 2016. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS August 16, 2016 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.